



File Code: 1570 (218/219)

Date: June 10, 2014

Dear Objector:

As the Objection Reviewing Officer (ORO) for the Blackfoot Travel Plan and associated proposed Forest Plan Amendments for the Helena National Forest, I have decided to hold an objection resolution meeting on June 25, 2014. We are offering the meeting in several locations, as well as a telephone option (details below). As the 36 CFR 219 regulations have more precise requirements concerning how resolution meetings will be conducted compared to the 36 CFR 218 regulations, this meeting will be conducted in accordance with 36 CFR 219.57(a). This means: 1) interested persons who file a request to participate in an objection within 10 days of the notice of objection by the responsible official (published in the Helena Independent Record [newspaper of record] on June 4, 2014) will be permitted to participate in such meetings; and 2) the responsible official (Helena Forest Supervisor William Avey) shall be a participant in all meetings involving the reviewing officer, objectors and interested persons.

For this meeting, due to the number of objectors and complexity of the proposed travel plan and Forest Plan amendments, I ask that objectors and interested persons planning to participate in the meeting come prepared to adhere to the ground rules and facilitation processes outlined in this letter and which will be further articulated at the start of the meeting. Your cooperation will help me ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, allowing me to better understand your concerns and possibilities for resolving those concerns.

Lead objectors will be given an allotted amount of time to highlight their issues and concerns, as well as an allotted amount of time to discuss potential remedies that would resolve their issues and concerns. It is my expectation that all discussions will be presented objectively and professionally and all participants will adhere to their roles and allotted times. Should any participants fail to meet these expectations, I will exercise my discretion as the ORO to terminate the meeting.

The Responsible Official will determine which project specialists and Forest employees need to attend the meeting. These employees will engage in discussions to provide clarification or to respond to questions only when requested by me or the Responsible Official.

I do not anticipate making any decisions at this meeting. This is an opportunity for me, as the ORO, to gain a better understanding of the concerns and potential remedies. If opportunities to resolve issues are identified, discussions with pertinent parties may continue after this meeting and prior to issuing my written response.

The following individuals are identified as lead objectors and will speak on behalf of the organization(s) or individual(s) they represent:



<u>Lead Objector</u>	<u>Objection filed on behalf of:</u>
Andy Skinner	Self
Richard Ostheimer	Self
Tiffany Shotnokoff	Self
Greg Munther	Montana Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
James Wolf	Continental Divide Trail Society
Gary Ingram	Helena Hunters & Anglers Association
Leonard Walch	Self
Gayle Joslin	Clancy-Unionville Citizen Task Force
Dave Koch	Capital Trail Vehicle Association
Tyson Radley O'Connell	Bob, Seth, Shane and Rick O'Connell; Janna Lindquist; Dan and Colleen Nichols; Nate Eitzmann; Curt Cochran; Marc and William Parriman; Mike Berry; Deb Peterson
Ramona Ehnes	Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association; Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association
Kerry White	Citizens for Balanced Use
Scott Brennan	The Wilderness Society
Kevin Forkan	Kevin and Donna Forkan
Randy Arnold	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (Regions 2 & 3)
Gary Burnett	Lincoln Restoration Committee
John Gatchell	Montana Wilderness Association; Montana High Divide Trails
Peter Nelson	Defenders of Wildlife; WildEarth Guardians
Steve Wadsworth	Charlie Russell Back Country Horsemen
Michael Garrity	Alliance for the Wild Rockies
Sara Jane Johnson	Native Ecosystems Council

Objection resolution meetings are not required to be noticed but are open to the public. (Noticed refers to a legal notice in the applicable newspaper of record.) However, the following meeting information will, at a minimum, be posted to the project webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/helena/landmanagement/projects> (scroll down to and select the link for the Blackfoot Travel Plan (non-winter) project).

Resolution Meeting Information

Project Name: Blackfoot Travel Plan and Proposed Amendments to the Helena National Forest Plan (R1/N1 Forest Plan Amendment and Big Game Security Amendment)

Forest: Helena National Forest

District: Lincoln Ranger District, excluding the Scapegoat Wilderness

Meeting Date/Time: June 25, 2014 (Wednesday); 10:00am - 3:00pm MDT (We will break for lunch from approximately 12:00-1:00pm.)

Meeting Location: Multiple locations at Forest Service offices are available if you choose to attend in-person. You may choose to participate in-person at the location nearest you or you may call in by phone. The phone line will be patched into a video conference, which all Forest Service offices will dial into, so every participant can hear all of the discussions.

In person

- Northern Regional Office, 200 East Broadway, **Missoula, MT** 59807 (Government-issued photo I.D. required to enter building.)
- Lincoln Ranger District, 1569 Highway 200, **Lincoln, MT** 59639 (Road construction may cause up to 30 minutes in travel delays)
- Helena Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, **Helena, MT** 59602
- Lewis & Clark Supervisor's Office, 1101 15th Street N., **Great Falls, MT** 59401

By phone: Call 1-888-844-9904 and enter passcode 7627128# when prompted.

Forest Service Contact: Jennifer Woods (406) 791-7765

If you have any questions regarding meeting logistics, please contact Jennifer Woods, Helena National Forest Environmental Coordinator, at (406) 791-7765. If you have any questions regarding the parameters I have set forth regarding participation, please contact Ray Smith, Regional Objection Coordinator, at (406) 329-3381.

Sincerely,

/s/ Faye L. Krueger
FAYE L. KRUEGER
Regional Forester

cc: William Avey
Amber Kamps
Jennifer J Woods
Deborah McGlothlin
Ray G Smith